

JFK and the Cold War: Deception, Treachery, and the Struggle for Power

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This multifaceted exposition, for the first time, pulls together the leads and threads from five of Dr. Newman's publications: JFK and Vietnam (2017 Edition); and his ongoing series on the Assassination and Presidency of John F. Kennedy: Vol I, Where Angels Tread Lightly (2017 Edition); Vol II, Countdown to Darkness; Vol III, Into the Storm; and Volume IV, Armageddon (to be published in 2021). Some of Dr. Newman's new revelations about the struggle between JFK and the Pentagon in the upcoming Vol IV are present in Parts 5 and 6 of Section Two.

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[Music] i'm jacob hornberger president of the future of freedom foundation the sponsor of this conference welcome to our conference the national security state and the kennedy assassination joel i think most of you all know fff is a non-profit educational foundation we've been in existence 30 years or more our mission is to present the principled case for the libertarian philosophy and it's part of that mission over the years we have addressed a lot of our focused uh on the national security state the type of governmental structure that we've had since world war ii compared it to a limited government republic which is what we had for about the first 150 years and showed what a disaster has been to have converted the the us government to a national security state and part of that of course is the regime change operations i want to thank all of you that have supported fff over the years we couldn't do it without those you that help us out especially in a bigger way and if you're not yet supporting our work i would invite you to do so we we we depend on support from our our donors and we would welcome and appreciate you becoming an active supporter of the future of freedom foundation uh the way this conference has developed in the first two presentations is we wanted to set the framework for what life was like before john kennedy became president um kennedy comes into office is pretty much a standard cold warrior uh believing that the communists are coming to get us they're

developing the world and so forth the the the version that that the national security establishment was selling to the american people in which they used to justify this conversion except there was a difference as our first speaker jim de eugenio pointed out kennedy sympathized with third world independence movements in direct contradiction to the cia and the pentagon that considered these movements communist directed so already there was

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communist directed so already there was tension before kennedy even gets into office and then in with respect to vietnam our second speaker michael swanson pointed out that kennedy was not interested in sending combat troops into laos vietnam he limited them to advisers this was again direct contradiction to the pentagon and the cia who believed that intervention in southeast asia was necessary to ensure that the communists didn't ultimately make it to the united states and conquer the united states now we're ready to head directly into the kennedy administration and we're honored and fortunate to have a speaker that is perfectly qualified to do this that dr john newman dr newman is a adjunct professor of political science at james madison university he is one of the most renowned scholars in the assassination research community he's known for his scholarship his devotion to accuracy his meticulousness prior to teaching at james madison he was honors professor at the university of maryland's honors college he's a career retired u.s army intelligence officer who served as a strategic intelligence cryptologic analyst he received his ba in chinese studies an m.a in far eastern studies and a phd in modern far eastern history at george washington university his seminal work jfk in vietnam is still widely read today and recognizes an authoritative book about kennedy and and the vietnam war he was a consultant for oliver stone's movie the jfk movie he has written other books besides jfk and vietnam especially relating to the kennedy assassination oswald and the cia and then three books called there's sort of a series called countdown to darkness where angel's tread

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angel's tread life tread lightly into the storm uh the third of which um received accolades from robert f kennedy jr so it's a real honor and a pleasure to welcome john newman thank you john for taking the time to share your thoughts and your insights with us tonight and i want to thank you jacob hornberger and bart frazier and the future of freedom foundation um for inviting me to participate in this really important event that's taking place over several months my assignment this evening is to discuss my topic jfk in the cold war deception intrigue treachery and a struggle for power primarily for a lay audience although i suspect many of you are experts already on some of the things i might be covering tonight so in any event what i've done is to put together a sort of high altitude low resolution vantage point for you uh with some exceptions where i might want to dip down into the trees uh briefly to have a look around now the information for my presentation this evening comes from the evidence in my books especially jfk in vietnam second edition 2017 and and of course the series of of books and my multi-volume series on the kennedy presidency that jacob just mentioned so i won't uh mention them again um i hope that um you appreciate the importance of the very bottom of my many of my slides especially the book titles um in acronym form format and also chapter headings and page numbers for chapters or parts of them uh especially if you decide that you want to pursue further research in these threads that

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further research in these threads that i'm covering tonight and especially also what happens when we take all these different threads and put them together and form a fuller picture thank you for being here tonight let's get started uh bart before you start the video let me let me just say that john's presentation is pre-recorded but we'll be following it with live q a but let me give you a forewarning it's about a two-hour presentation so if you need to start up your coffee machine go ahead and do that and the other thing i want to remind everybody is that there's two buttons you'll be dealing with one is the chat button and the other is the q a button chatting is obviously just discussion amongst yourselves if you want to ask a question you've got to use the q a and that that comes directly to me and also keep in mind our other policy is that your questions

have to be limited to the program the thesis the talk that is being presented tonight i know you might have questions about other things like the autopsy the medical evidence we're going to be getting into those so please limit your questions to john on what he talks about tonight without bart we're ready to get going let me begin with the title for my overall presentation this evening jfk in the cold war deception intrigue and the struggle for power this is part one the kennedys king and the race issue the election of 1960. now in popular wisdom the shaping force in dr king's thinking was mahatma gandhi however it was the eminent american theologian reinhold niebuhr who fundamentally shaped king's religious views niebuhr's interest in gandhi was not lost on dr king niebuhr said this of gandhi his methods were a type of coercion offering the best chances for a strategic instrument for oppressed

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strategic instrument for oppressed groups unable to develop enough power to set against their oppressors now the source of king's course of non-violence strategy was niebuhr's book moral man and immoral society he was published in 1932 when king was just three years old that work was the beginning of the end of classical liberalism in american theology niebuhr successfully attacked the social gospels premise that the modern advance of reason could eliminate social evils niebuhr argued that there was no evidence that human beings became less predatory as they became better educated beaver was focused on coercive non-violence nonviolent coercion and resistance he said is a type of coercion which offers the largest opportunities for a harmonious relationship with the moral and rational factors in social life it doesn't destroy the process of a moral and rational adjustment of interests in the course of resistance significantly and interestingly niebuhr applied this strategy to the race issue in america he said however large the number of individual white men who will identify themselves completely with the negro cause the white race in america will not admit the negro to equal rights if it is not forced to do so upon that point one may speak with a dogmatism which all history justifies now let me turn to the subject of this part of my presentation the 1960 election and 14 days that changed history there was a causal chain of six race related events that led to jfk's

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race related events that led to jfk's november 1960 election and each one of these events had to occur in order that the next event could take place if any of these events had failed to take place kennedy would not have been elected president there would have been no new frontier no keynesian economics no increased minimum wage no depressed area development no proposals for medicare and increased social security benefits no peace corps and no alliance for progress on the other hand it's almost certain that america would have gone to war in cuba laos and in vietnam now the first of the six providential events that all happened at the right time in the right order was on 17 october 1960 kennedy had scuttled a proposed meeting with dr king after king said he would have to make a pro-formal offer to meet with nixon too on 19 october as a result of that king was then available to participate in his first student sit-in in atlanta in atlanta georgia where he was arrested now this picture isn't the one of what uh the city the king was at but it's typical and it's hard to look at what they put themselves through the next two events both occurred on the 26th of october the first one at 3 a.m in the morning king found himself chained to the floor of a police car for hours as he was being transferred to another county dekalb county to reidsville federal penitentiary to be put on a chain gang on all this was for an insignificant traffic violation later that day the next event happened at 10 o'clock in the morning jfk made a sympathy call to credit king to console her about dr king's terrible situation

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her about dr king's terrible situation and offering to do whatever he could to help the next event occurred on 27 october robert kennedy made an angry call to judge mitchell and secured king's release on bail from reidsville penitentiary the next day on 28 october the next event took place the covert so-called blue bomb scheme was launched millions of pamphlets would be distributed to black churches on sunday sixth november two days before the election kennedy's campaign civil rights team carried out their scheme against bobby kennedy's orders they were harris wofford lewis martin and sergeant shriver and they violated

among other things bobby's gag order not to publicize jfk's called the correct king among the black media so the team took a daring gamble with time running out the pamphlets titled quote no comment nixon versus a candidate with a heart senator kennedy were published on cheap blue paper earning the name the blue bomb it took me many years to get an authentic copy but this this is one that's exactly what it looked like the blue bomb and so at the last minute mlk was able to endorse kennedy out of prison back in atlanta just in time dr king was free to add his thanks to jfk on the blue bomb he said quote i am deeply indebted to senator kennedy who served as a great force in making my release possible i am convinced he will seek to exercise the power of his office to fully implement the civil rights plank of his party's platform

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plank of his party's platform and so the team continued to carry out their scheme against bobby's orders the pamphlets were shipped across the country on greyhound buses from a dummy committee outside of the press and kept secret from the kennedy brothers until after the election everywhere in the african-american community the pamphlets were distributed outside of the churches after worship services and then the amazing outcome but come from behind win surprise win john f kennedy became the president of the united states then came the shocking election results themselves although the electoral college was 303 to 219 for jfk he won the popular vote by just 112 000 votes a margin of 0.17 percent but the single most amazing statistic about kennedy's victory was his 40 percent margin among african-american voters now in 1956 the previous election the black voted split 60 40 for the republican candidate in 1960 the vote has split 70 30 for the democratic candidate this 30 shift produced victory margins for jfk in seven key states michigan new jersey pennsylvania illinois north carolina and south carolina and then there was a bright light in the land after winning the democratic nomination jfk assembled 29 task force in a domestic and foreign policy who would lead his administration after his victory in 1960 they would come into place of course after the inauguration in january 1961.

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1961. jfk listened to keynesian brain trusters like john galbraith paul samuelson and walter heller they sought to lower interest rates to spur the economy running a surplus to fight inflation and a deficit to fight recession and using the government instead of private enterprise to increase investment the new frontier was for main street instead of wall street and so the light of the new frontier included medicaid medicare increased social security benefits for the aged minimum wage increases low interest rates for small businesses it also included unemployment insurance extensions early payment of veterans life insurance dividends low income housing food surplus distribution investment in natural resources pollution control watershed development unit foreign policy the peace corps the alliance for progress and above all peace instead of war and then the light faded john kennedy never thought that his vision for a better country for all that he wanted to do to help americans and for all that he planned to do to bring peace to a world divided by the cold war that this vision could be threatened by the only part of the us government that he had that he had let's stay in place the national security state especially the cia and the pentagon and their plans for world hegemony and then came the storm jfk spent the last three years of his life struggling against those entrenched enablers of neo-colonialism and economic exploitation of latin america africa the middle east and the far east jfk

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the middle east and the far east jfk ship quickly ran into the crosswinds of domestic white racism and the righteous aspirations of african americans and his inability to control the american national security state and then came the darkness just when kennedy realized that the truth was more important than his own political future he spoke out in the summer of 1963 for civil rights and for peace instead of war in the cold war and then he was cut down and so would be also for his brother robert kennedy and martin luther king jr they fought for civil rights in peace and they all paid the ultimate price all right once again um my presentation is

on jfk in the cold war deception treachery and intrigue and the struggle for power this is part two the cuban cataclysm of 1961. we'll begin this section in the last year of the eisenhower presidency in 1960 and as his covert action plan for cuba developed it turned into an assassination triple play on one april 1960 ci chief alan dulles held a cuban summit with cia people and government business

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with cia people and government business leaders and he uh opened up the meeting by saying that castro had to be removed from power the nixon sycophant william paulie was there and he said he hadn't been prepared to eliminate castro for a price the cia memo after the meeting said dillis jokingly remarked that he would turn this over to his assassination department the dulce's remark was removed in its entirety from the cia summary at the meeting just two days later now in that april meeting dci dulles uh was making tough talk but really he was not eager to step into this stygian river of assassination dolas quickly found out that killing castro was no joke eisenhower was already angry with him for not having reported the extent of castro's communist ties back in 1959 and in march 1960 eisenhower had approved a covert action plan to remove castro in the fall of 1960 he would end up having to browbeat dulles into directing assassinations of foreign heads of state later in 1960 eisenhower ordered a larger plan to be put into place to overthrow castro he pressed for castro's overthrow and chastised dulles for proposing pointless sabotage operations in an historic 18 august 1960 white house meeting on cuba president eisenhower expanded the plan to get rid of castro in a separate national security council session that same day he ordered the assassination of congo's prime minister lumumba this ruthless strategy became the unimaginable centerpiece of my volume 2 countdown to darkness a book that changed my view of president eisenhower eisenhower's problem was that he had to get support from nato in the organization of

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support from nato in the organization of american states for his plan to overthrow castro to succeed now this same president that warned us about the military-industrial complex wanted a triple cold war assassination play in search of support from the organization of american states eisenhower perpetually pressured dulles to get rid of dominican president raphael trujillo and in order to secure nato support for his cuban policy eisenhower ordered dulles to arrange for the assassination of congo's prime minister lumumba now eisenhower's top secret triple assassination play turned out to be not so secret it ordered everyone demanded that everyone had to swear he had not heard of it but when john kennedy learned during the campaign learned about the cia plan to invade cuba a brawl erupted over the cuban crisis in the fall of 1960 during the nixon kennedy presidential debates jfk pummeled nixon for not standing up to castro and not arming the rebels inside and outside of the island actually that's what the secret plan was doing but nixon was unable to respond due to eisenhower's covert order on the nature of the plan so i'd like to turn your attention now to the person in the cia who was in charge of this covert plan deputy director of plans richard bissell he was desperate to keep the cuban plan in play and ended up having to tell a big lie to jfk in order to do that bissell's problem was that this covert cuban plan was dead on arrival the cuban exile groups in miami and

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the cuban exile groups in miami and their sections inside of cuba had long since descended into chaos soviet block weapons were pouring into cuba as castro easily quashed political dissent there there would never be an uprising in cuba and the exiled government would never be put ashore the covert plan could not keep pace and breathe its last death gurgle in a three november special group meeting just five days before jfk was elected on 8 november now the root of bissell's problem was that the planet always assumed that there would be an uprising on the island of cuba but in that three november meeting the president's adviser gordon gray and the state and defense department representatives agreed that the covert activities originally envisaged by the ci would no longer be effective the special group admitted that a cuban uprising would never happen gray suggested the possibility of using some of these cia-backed exiles to mount a simulated

i.e false flag attack on the american naval base at guantanamo in order to offer an excuse for overt intervention also at this meeting the group's proposal for planning the assassination of fidel castro and raul castro and shea guevara was rejected by cia deputy director charles cabell now the election of john kennedy on 8 november left the cia with a huge dilemma they would soon have to brief john kennedy about the cuban plan and so at a 15 november cia strategy session they concocted two briefings for jfk one admitting the truth that an exile invasion would never trigger an uprising and a second briefing that left out this

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and a second briefing that left out this rosetta stone of an admission about the cia cuban plan and so on 29 november in palm beach florida dulles and bissell went down there to talk to john kennedy and bissell had to brief him on the cuban plan and he told jfk that the planned uprising in cuba would occur a big lie everybody knew that that was never going to happen now after the inauguration the joint chiefs would have to take a position on the cia's covert plan in cuba and ended up being the bay of pigs the chiefs thought that jfk's tough talk as an inauguration speech meant that he was all about the overthrow of castro even with u.s forces things turned out differently limits are ended up playing a shell game with the president during which uh john kennedy did not take the bait that leominster gave him and then limits her had to pivot on the cia's cuban plan so here's how that played out the chief of staff chairman of the chief of staff limits quickly realized that john kennedy was against sending u.s forces into cuba now at first limits her told the truth about the exile invasion plan and it asked jfk who was going to help them when it failed jfk twice refused on 25 and 28 january to take that bait and reveal his position against using u.s forces in cuba but he wasn't fooling anybody leonard understood what kennedy was up to in order to prevent kennedy from aborting the invasion levitzer reversed his position and said the ci plan could succeed knowing that the plan was doomed leonidso's scheme was to let jfk do it his way just to keep the plan alive because they

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just to keep the plan alive because they were certain that when the exiles were being slaughtered on the beach head president kennedy would have to send in american combat forces so the question is why were the chiefs so certain that jfk would change his mind on cuba the answer is that this is about the situation in laos how the ci handled jfk and how he handled their proposal to send us combat troops into laos once again a big lie was necessary that lie took place in late january when a false national intelligence estimate on laos was put in front of kennedy what were the objections by the way in the meeting over the object the national intelligence meeting over the objections of army intelligence the cia had issued a false nie claiming that the u.s backed forces in laos could easily clear the communists from the plated jars so after jfk approved the plan in early march guess what happened phony's forces the pro us the us back forces threw down their rifles and ran away so in a 15 march press conference the sullen kennedy had to explain what was happening in laos it was his first real embarrassment what had happened during the transition between eisenhower and kennedy of course this is our weak spot and our enemies have understood this over the years and tried to use a take advantage of that in between the election and the inauguration to do things and then here what you're looking at is a huge soviet airlift from north vietnam of north vietnamese forces down into the

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of north vietnamese forces down into the plane of jars basically taking over most of the most of the country of laos and so jfk blinked on laos but the soviet response was so it was a massive support for the communist pet that allowed fortunes to begin overrunning all of laos during the last two weeks of march 1961 as the bay of pigs approached now after the fall of the ussr in 1991 former soviet sources revealed what khrushchev and his kb chief schleppen had been planning at that time in 1961. moscow was pressuring for a u.s commitment in laos to disperse u.s forces and tie them down so that west berlin would fall into the soviet camp and so on 23 march jfk decided that it was time to get ready he announced that three aircraft carriers with 1400 marines were sent to the south china sea and 2 600 more marines were made ready in okinawa

along with a large commitment of american air assets so the chiefs saw jfk blink on laos and that is why they were so sure he would blink on cuba when the exile invasion failed but the chiefs had miscalculated the timing wasn't good for them because the bay of pigs was going to happen before kennedy made up his mind on laos as jfk waited for the outcome in cuba he didn't give the ghost signal for laos so leonister discovered just how wrong he had been when he confronted kennedy the white house as the battle raged on the beach heading cuba kennedy wasn't going to buy it he was not

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was not going to send in the troops so the bay of pigs fiasco quickly caused jfk to decide against u.s military intervention allows so the outcome was they got neither they didn't get cuba they didn't get a laos now i want to talk just briefly about the personal and obviously bad motives of the cia chief dulles and his deputy bissell in this cuban fiasco to start with bissell in february he was offered an undersecretary position high up in the state department but kennedy told him not to accept it because he was going to make him the new dci replacing dulles in july so bissell in charge of an invasion plan that he knew would fail he knew he needed to hail mary so he told bill harvey who was head of a section d which was a super secret component of the cia at the time that the kennedys wanted an assassination capability in the cia that was a bald lie but harvey knew about it harvey knew that he was in charge of such a of such an assassination unit and he but what was going on is bissell was pressuring harvey to kill castro quickly by saying the kennedys wanted him dead so bottom line is her bissell desperately wanted to become the new head of the c.i.a and so he pressured harvey to kill castro quickly in order and in order to do that made up a false story saying that the kennedy brothers wanted such a capability and wanted that to happen that was a lie now on the other hand they're the motives of alan dulles like the joint chiefs dulles was counting on the failure of the invasion plan too

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plan too see and hope that jfk would have to put in u.s forces but his scheme was to save his own skin during the invasion dulles took a vacation with his wife wasn't even around he left bissell holding the bag for the failure dulles knew that kennedy intended to appoint bissell as his replacement and he was willing to let men die on the beachhead in order to keep his job as the director of central intelligence and finally we need to mention what jfk's bottom line was in all of this all these affairs and all these events he was unwilling to intervene with us military forces in cuba or southeast asia but he was willing to fight for west berlin and he knew that putting u.s forces in these places southeast asia or cuba would jeopardize the future of west berlin while jfk was right about that he would find out in june that the bay of pig's failure had emboldened khrushchev to push the west out of berlin now i want to pause here at the end just to make a comment about the real teaching point that i believe comes out of all this there's been much ink spilled on the changing the bay of pigs landing locales calling off airstrikes in these matters but we too often lose sight of what it means whether we're civilian or military senior officers and we need to carry out our duties honorably my favorite army intelligence officer is major general joseph christian during the westmoreland uh trial uh in the mid-sixties on his lies on vietnam um a christian who had been his um chief of staff of intelligence uh always told the truth and end up ended

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always told the truth and end up ended up getting fired by westmore but anyway during that trial the christian was asked a question what does it mean to lie about the enemy in a time of war his answer it threatens not only the lives of the soldiers on the battlefield but also the future liberty of our people at home now that's my kind of general as i mentioned a moment ago the american failure at the bay of pigs emboldened khrushchev to try to push the west out of berlin and so now i turn to part three the 1961 berlin crisis the most dangerous place on earth europe was the center of the cold war chess board and west berlin was at the center square of that chessboard the transition of east and west germany from the four allied occupation zones in 1949 left west berlin exposed 110 miles inside of east germany as the cold war conflict unfolded the city of west berlin

became a perpetual point of infernal danger west berlin a lonely pawn at the center of the board anchored the cold war in dangerous conflict and reciprocal hostility that would grip the world for the next three decades dividing germany the first step in khrushchev's plan to get rid of the ulcer of west berlin in 1958 khrushchev had demanded a german

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in 1958 khrushchev had demanded a german peace treaty to permanently legitimize the division of germany that demand remained when the paris eisenhower khrushchev summit conference exploded in may 1960 and it would become the focal point of khrushchev's secret scheme for testing the newly elected 44 year old american president and removing the ulcer of west berlin the first aftershock of the bay of pigs fiasco was kennedy's decision not to invade laos the second aftershock was khrushchev's decision to test kennedy on west berlin khrushchev's plans to ambush kennedy at the vienna summit in early march 1961 kennedy and khrushchev agreed to have a summit meeting in vienna in march kgb chief chilepin told khrushchev that the us was preparing to blockade cuba and intervene there with u.s forces when the cuban brigade landed at the bay of pigs khrushchev warned jfk a new conflagration might erupt elsewhere i.e khrushchev took the bay of pig's failure as a sign of jfk's weakness and inexperience the vienna summit would become a soviet snare the june 1961 vienna summit the three june discussion in the american ambassador's office was a preliminary sparring match by both leaders but during the four june meeting khrushchev said quote berlin is the most dangerous place in the world the ussr wants to perform an operation on this soft spot to eliminate this thorn this ulcer khrushchev confronted jfk with a bombshell the ussr plans to sign a peace treaty with east germany after which all rights of western access to berlin will expire

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to berlin will expire khrushchev said i want peace but if you want war that is your problem jfk replied it is you not i who wants to force a change and as they parted kennedy remarked he will be a cold winner the decision to build the berlin wall in july 1961 the refugee outflow from east to west berlin rose to 1 000 educated mostly educated and technically trained people every day khrushchev then decided to build the berlin wall super secret handwritten progress reports were forwarded to moscow by a courier no telephone or radio transmissions were permitted on 13 august barricade sealed off the crossing points to west berlin in the next few weeks a formidable heavily fortified guarded and booby-trapped cement barrier was erected jfk thought privately that the border closure was a good turning point he said it's not a very nice solution but a wall is a hell of a lot better than a war but at that point jfk drew a line in the sand over west berlin jfk's july 1961 warning on berlin by the summer of 1961 the berlin crisis had evolved into the most dangerous flash point for nuclear conflict since the onset of the cold war any 25 july 1961 televised address jfk warned that the immediate threat to world freedom was in west berlin he said soviet ambitions now meet in basic confrontation over berlin quote the showcase of liberty and great testing place of western

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and great testing place of western courage and will since 1945 and so the berlin crisis escalated on 22 august the soviet union threatened western air corridors to berlin access to east berlin was cut to one crossing point checkpoint charlie the allies quickly the plot deployed a thousand troops backed by ten tanks at the wall in defiance of the imposition of a 100 meter standoff rule on 31 august the soviets deployed tanks in all towns close to the border and on 23 september the u.s seventh army was placed on alert two days later kennedy reaffirmed united states resolved to defend west berlin and at this point president kennedy decided to lay down his trump cards on the table for everybody to see revealing u.s nuclear superiority on 21 october the president ordered deputy secretary of defense kilpatrick to give a speech in hot springs west virginia to some business people revealing that the us had 600 heavy bombers six polaris submarines with 96 missiles dozens of intercontinental ballistic missiles and large carrier strike forces totaling tens of thousands of nuclear delivery vehicles with multiple warheads this was the final death gurgle of the alleged soviet icbm

lead and a concomitant public display of overwhelming american superiority in the strategic nuclear balance of power although the game continued at the secret level it was really over on 25 october 1961 u.s tanks moved

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over on 25 october 1961 u.s tanks moved into west berlin and for the first time in years 33 soviet main tanks accompanied by troops entered the city limits of east berlin for the first time during the cold war both sides ended up with 10 tanks with engines running facing each other at checkpoint charlie a standoff at checkpoint charlie occurred the american tanks with bulldozer blades were conspicuously shown while american helicopters buzzed over the checkpoint ignoring east german and soviet protests what was really going on is shown by new evidence that khrushchev was in a situation he did not want to be in his decision to put soviet armor in east berlin was actually an attempt to claw back control of the crisis from the aggressive east germans on the brink of war over west berlin the standoff lasted for 16 long hours when moscow was aware that four u.s missile firing atomic polaris submarines were submerged in the north sea each with 16 warheads aimed at targets in the soviet union at checkpoint charlie the soviet guard post was talking through the soviet high command to khrushchev the u.s guard post was communicating through the us military in berlin to president kennedy the kennedy khrushchev back channel president kennedy asked general clay his emissary in the guard house the american guard house to checkpoint charlie if he was nervous nervous no we're not nervous here clay answered

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answered if anybody's nervous mr president it will probably be people in washington jfk with his feet up on his desk during the call said well there may be a lot of nervous people around here but i'm not one of them general clay didn't know that bobby kennedy was talking with his friend in ussr intelligence contact bolshakov during the tank stand a confrontation that occurred at checkpoint charlie within hours jfk and khrushchev were messaging through rfk and bolshakov how cooler heads prevailed on 26 october kennedy offered to go easy over berlin in the future if the soviets removed their tanks first khrushchev later revealed i assured my comrades that as soon as we pull back our tanks the americans will pull back their tanks within 20 minutes after the soviet tanks pulled back khrushchev reported just as i expected it did take only 20 minutes for the americans to respond and with that choreographed scene the 1961 berlin crisis ended and what can we take away from this event well kennedy had misjudged khrushchev and khrushchev had misjudged kennedy in the end nuclear war was averted when both leaders worked through a back channel instead of through their subordinates and then khrushchev soon realized he had to make a desperate decision outgunned and surrounded by american power khrushchev realized that there was only one way that he could get leverage to level the imbalance of strategic nuclear power by deploying medium and intermediate-range soviet missiles in cuba

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all right i'll move along now to the second half of my presentation consists of parts four five and six that deal with vietnam and cuba first up will be part four the vietnam war from 1961 to may 1962 when the big lie started this is the worst one we've got isn't it president kennedy said after reading a very troubling report on vietnam just six days after his inauguration that report was written by this guy general edward lansdale he wanted to be the us ambassador to south vietnam but he would never be stationed in vietnam until jfk was no longer in the white house i want to mention the laos annex to the vietnam task force report that was issued on april 27 1961. as i said in part three of my presentation this evening by 27 april 1961 the pentagon knew jfk would never intervene in laos and that night the pentagon inserted an annex into the vietnam task force south available but lansdale was betting that the star rising on the horizon was intervention in vietnam and he would be correct and he intended to be there when it happened

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just two weeks before lansdale authored that annex the vietnam task force report on april 1st 61 deputy secretary of defense roswell gilpatrick warned that the situation in south vietnam was critical he said the number of hardcore vietcong communists vc had tripled from 4400 in early 1960 to 12 000 in april 1961. kilpatrick said vietcong forces were approaching the point where south vietnam's army would be unable to cope and he said 3 000 more vietcong had infiltrated through laos on the ho chi minh trail into vietnam since march 1961 from may through october 1961 president kennedy was inundated with non-stop calls to send u.s combat troops to vietnam the struggle that erupted over combat troops in april continued unabated and parallel to the concomitant nuclear tense berlin crisis and with growing domestic racial unrest in america president kennedy pushed aside all the calls from the joint chiefs of staff to send combat troops upset by the intense pressure to intervene jfk decided he had to act so in october he sent general maxwell taylor his military advisor to vietnam and jfk ordered him to return with a recommendation against sending us combat troops to vietnam but when taylor returned kennedy wasn't happy taylor returned with a strange proposal to send 8 000 u.s combat troops to vietnam under a quote flood release task force cover

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quote flood release task force cover shocked and angry president kennedy tried to recall all copies of the final report jfk even planted false stories in the papers that implied taylor had not endorsed in the u.s combat troops one result of taylor's proposal was that jfk would cross swords with general lemitzer chairman of the joint chiefs of staff for president kennedy taylor's proposal was the last straw in the intense debate that followed the key meeting occurred on 15 november 1961. the president asked lemmitzer how he could justify this proposal for vietnam while at the same time ignoring cuba limits her bluntly and even impotently replied that the joint chief still felt that even at this point the u.s should go into cuba national security action memorandum one one one on 22 november 1961 jfk drew a line in the sand on vietnam within nsam 111 pictured here it contained no combat troops and no guarantees to save vietnam from communism president kennedy did agree to a significant increase in american advisers and equipment but he would not go beyond this commitment at any point during the rest of his presidency so what was behind kennedy's astute judgment in the issuing of nsam 111 well we know from the berlin crisis the jfk was willing to go to war for the right reason in berlin and that for him getting mired in vietnam could trigger a much bigger war in europe so kennedy turned down combat troops in vietnam not when his decision was clouded by

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not when his decision was clouded by ambiguities and contradictions in the reports from the battlefield but when the battle was unequivocally desperate when all concerned agreed the vietnam's fate hung in the balance and when his principal advisers told him that vital us interests in the region and the world were at stake president kennedy's thanksgiving massacre over vietnam policy three days after thanksgiving on 26 november president kennedy shook up the state department to kneecap those promoting intervention in vietnam the next day on 27 november jfk invited alan dulles on his last day as the director of central intelligence to the white house to witness another shake-up over vietnam policy i'll get to that one shortly later that same day on 27 november the president gave a short speech to a small swearing-in ceremony for the new director of central intelligence john mccomb jfk concluded with this remark we want to welcome you here and to say that you are now living on the bullseye and i welcome you to that spot still on november 61 after those personnel purges jfk laid down the law in vietnam an unusual group of officials were called to another meeting in the white house some who had been fired and some who were their replacements once jfk entered a room he vented his frustration over the lack of support for his vietnam policy jfk declared quote once policy is decided people on the spot must support it or get out the president demanded to know who in the pentagon would be personally responsible for implementing his program secretary

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for implementing his program secretary of defense mcnamara answered myself and I meaning lemnitzer chairman of the joint chiefs mcnamara takes charge that very night mcnamara returned to the pentagon to lay out the plan for what he called operation beef up many military actions to boost the war effort in south vietnam on 16 december his first secretary of defense sec death conference he set forth three tenets first we have great authority from president kennedy second money is no object third no combat troops will be sent to vietnam the military assistance command macv was created as a subordinate command of the commander-in-chief pacific sync pack general maxwell taylor's old friend and protege general paul d harkins became the first macbee commander on the second of january 1962. a few days later lemnitzer sent his most audacious memorandum to president kennedy on 13 january 62 mcnamara sent the memo to jfk saying he didn't endorse it it was a long insubordinate diatribe that was essentially saying this we told you a year ago to send combat troops to vietnam but you didn't listen we've done everything you asked for in your program and if it falls apart we still want to send in combat troops and if you fail to do it then it will only make our job more difficult we have to do it anyway there was alarming news about the viet cong forces surging at the second sec death conference on 15 january two days after lemnitzer's

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january two days after lemnitzer's demeaning dig at president kennedy the review of the enemy situation at the second sec death conference revealed that hardcore vietcong strength had risen to twenty thousand or twenty five thousand now u.s countering surgery doctrine then and now holds that a minimum 10 to 1 ratio is required to contain an insurgency five soldiers in static defense for cities and infrastructure and a minimum of five to one in the offense thus with just 160 000 men in south vietnam's army it could only contain a viet cong force of 16 000 a vc force of 25 000 men required an army of a quarter of a million men to just to contain them the third sec death conference on 19 february 62 yet another controversy over the vietcong this time their numbers happened colonel winterbottom who was the head of intelligence at macv showed several slides on viet cong strength ranging from eighteen thousand to twenty seven thousand lemnitzer piped up and said it makes it look like we're losing but when mcnamara asked why there was such a discrepancy colonel winterbottom replied that the analysis personnel lacked to the required training almost falling out of his chair with anger lindser scolded winterbottom for this assertion but his patience at its end secretary of defense mcnamara demanded a requirements list declared this intelligence problem must be solved and at this point what happened was a

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and at this point what happened was a sudden reversal in military reporting on the war in vietnam what i call the beginning of the optimistic interlude our first clue about this also occurred at the third sec death conference by the macv commander general harkins in the order of battle uproar that had taken place scant attention was paid to general harkin's surprising opening remarks about a spirit of optimism and growing confidence within vietnamese and us military and civilian circles mcnamara and others passed on this rosy news to house appropriations and foreign relations committees on capitol hill when he got back but this early optimism was still in stark contrast to the conclusions of u.s intelligence community estimates how could it be that there was optimism at this point it was only a month since lemnitzer had told president kennedy that nothing short of six u.s combat divisions in vietnam could prevent a communist takeover from new delhi to tokyo not just vietnam in vietnam very few the new american advisors had even arrived in country yet and even those were still awaiting assignments and it was long before president kennedy's new program had any chance to affect the tide of battle and so in vietnam so what was it what we do know is that this new optimistic interlude would not end until 20 november 1963 two days before the assassination of president kennedy

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so macv analysts were augmented by the best military and civilian experts on vietnamese order of battle issues in the world to prepare to brief mcnamara what he wanted the intelligence problem to be solved that would take place from 8 to 11 may 1962 at the fifth second conference in uh saigon for six weeks the order

battle team had crawled across vietnam's 44 provinces and found there were 40 000 or more vietcong hardcore vietcong to report the mcnamara at the conference in saigon the briefing that took place in front of him falsely claimed there were only 16 500 hardcore vietcong the exact number of course that the 170 thousand men southeast south vietnam army would be able to handle but not only were the forces cut by that stark amount but the briefing also falsely claimed that the south vietnamese army was crushing the vietcong on the battlefield afterward mcnamara on the tarmac at the airport said he was tremendously encouraged and that every quantitative assessment shows that we are winning the war for the next several slides we will take a look at the truth about the war in vietnam and why that truth only made it through a secret back channel to vice president lyndon johnson not to mcnamara and kennedy from the moment general harkins the mac b commander lied about how swimmingly things were going at the third section of conference a covert scheme to hide the truth about the war from jfk have been put into play this secret back

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have been put into play this secret back channel memo from lbj's military aide colonel howard burris shows that growing vietcong battalion echelon attacks were underway in mid-february a full stream of data on the numbers of hardcore viet cong began flowing to jfk through mcnamara while a truthful stream of data flowed to vice president johnson through his aid burris the motive behind the false story was to prevent president kennedy from pulling out of vietnam early in 1991 burris told me in an interview that lyndon baines johnson told him to find out what the hell was going on but lbj never mentioned this vicious activity in his memoirs or any other public venue at this time the president and the secretary of defense mcnamara were consumed by the struggle with leominster over cuba we'll get to that in the in the next presentation part five so mcnamara and jfk were asleep at the switch at this point on the vietnam misdirection campaign this march 1962 extract pictured here from a burst memorandum is full of clues about what was going on mcnamara didn't know what burst was up to while birds knew all about mcnamara's meetings bursts have been talking with a joint staff and with general taylor's office this suggests general taylor knew about the false info being fed to jfk and did not tell him about it either burrisses marginalia in this march 62 memo suggests that mcnamara was not sure what was really going on mcnamara thought he could get some answers at the conferences but the answers were fabrications what this handwriting says is in burst

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what this handwriting says is in burst versus writing this lbj this same question of where we are in south vietnam still disturbs mr mcnamara he's leaving today march 20 for meetings in honolulu where he hopes to get some answers yeah well he got answers all right fabrications mcnamara and jfk as i said before we're distracted by the growing power struggle over cuba in the up you know as we're leading up to the cuban missile crisis one thing was certain burst was making sure that lbj had the latest true information on the deception of jfk about the battlefield situation in vietnam as mcnamara waited for the upcoming account to him of the size of the viet cong they were rapidly increasing the intensity of their attacks this march 1962 secret burst memo to lbj reveals that the monthly losses sustained by the south vietnamese army were staggering the vietcong we're now challenging regular units of south vietnamese army in the field when interviewed burst in 1991 and asked him where he got his information he hinted that it was from us army intelligence and this slide is proof that he's right about that at least partially burst had access to secret u.s army pacific intelligence bulletins they were eustropac was underneath uh the command of sinkback commander-in-chief pacific on the left of your screen you see the user pack monthly intelligence bulletins and on the right side of the screen you're seeing a 16 april memo from burris to the vice president and they have exactly the same figures down to the to the nth degree user pack raw data was going it was coming from united states um army intelligence units in vietnam

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um army intelligence units in vietnam and uh they were saying at the in march 62 that there were 1861 vietcong attacks and the same exact figure was used in burris's april 16th memo to lbj at no other place do you find these exact figures they were released by the way um to me um when i made a request to the army center for military history that's why it says newman papers that's they're all now stored up in the jfk library in the picture in the front of that picture is don blasic he was a librarian retired at the time at the army military intelligence school in arizona where i was attending the military intelligence advance course in 1988 when we met and he discovered that my phd dissertation was on jfk in vietnam he told me about how the vietnam order of battle had been completely corrupted in 1962. he said that's when the big lie started he was there when it happened and he gave me the names of the officers who were forced to cut the figures by general harkins and colonel winterbottom don blasic also said that a former ci officer in virginia living in virginia sam adams would tell me how to contact them when i returned to the national security agency for my next assignment i had a long visit with sam adams on his farm loudon farm in virginia later in the mid-1960s sam adams was the one who discovered that mac v was lying this is under the west moor when westmoreland was there in 65 6 and 7 mcv was lying about the size of the viet cong then that's why blastic told me that 1962 was

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that's why blastic told me that 1962 was when the big light got started in 1988 when i had my interview with adams he told me that two experienced order of battle specialists named george allen and bill benedict were sent to saigon after mack v ward excuse me after mcnamara ordered mcv to find out the actual size of the viet cong now the results of their six weeks of work i mentioned before were not presented to mcnamara at the may 62 sec death conference their vc's strength figures were drastically cut and alan and benedict were kept under house arrest until mcnamara had been briefed and in the left side god now the nice gentleman who um gave me the user pack intelligence summaries asked me if i also wanted him to declassify the so-called measles map i hadn't heard of that yet anyway the measles map was shown the mcnamara during the 11th may briefing of course i said yes all the macv although macv had cut most of the vc units they had forgotten to change what you're looking at here a for which was a on a four by eight plywood display made by benedict and allen the night before mcnamara's briefing there was a command reversal and when they walked in hark and saw this map and he exclaimed oh my god we can't show that to mcnamara and in front of the macv senior officers in this rehearsal harkins directed winter bottom peel off the scariest overlays of vietcong forced locations and what you're looking at is the falsified version of the measles it already looks pretty bad here but it was much worse and i will have to tell you that this has been confirmed by other people that that i met at nsa the nsa uh representative there saw that he was

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uh representative there saw that he was president he saw what they did and and others have talked about it too including a cia chief of the uh intelligence uh director of the cia told me the same story because he was there at the time and so here you can see picture the actual portion of the report given to mcnamara during that conference uh the brief from the briefing book mcphue cut vc forces from over 40 000 to just 16 000 and hatched a huge lie about the battlefield situation general harkins showed south vietnam data for six weeks from 21 march to 7 may but he only showed the viet cong data for three weeks from 14 april to 7 may now you'll have to get your you'll have to get your slide rule out but you would need to look at the slide a couple of times to see what's missing the missing viet cong data from 21 march to 2014 april was a country wide and the largest defensive vietcong offenses for the war to date which is why it's missing from here from 14 april to 7 may the vietcong regrouping to replace their dead and wounded and to refit their forces with new weapons and why because here in here is from the user pack intelligence bulletins this is a map of that period uh leading up to mcnamara's uh sec deck conference in may and what is this is what was missing but they didn't show him and if you look at it all those just about all those spots along the map there most all of them are battalion size vietcong attacks and where are they attacking not just one place but the length and the breadth of the entire of the entirety of south vietnam and especially around saigon and the in the delta below i found and

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and the in the delta below i found and interviewed alan and ben allen and benedict in 1998. they had never seen her talk to each other since 1962. when they confirmed everything that adams and blasik told me i knew i had the army to release this monthly these monthly intelligence bulletins and they did as you can see here uh what harkins hit from mcnamer the enormous vietcong offensive that ended just three weeks before mcnamara's briefing in saigon now i want to end this section by stating that the myth of battlefield success was in vietnam was manufactured to prevent jfk from pulling out of vietnam but remember as we'll see in the next part coming up at the same time all this was going on in march and april 1962 general limitzer was trying to push kennedy into a war in cuba where the ussr was preparing to introduce offensive nuclear missiles well this brings me to part five the place in mid-1962 at the end of volume three into the storm where i had to pull down the curtain for an intermission before moving on to volume four armageddon that was 27 months ago in that time the rest of this year there have been many surprises and there will be more part five shipwrecked in cuba how generals limits are and lansdale conspired to subvert operation mongoose turn it into operation northwoods and force kennedy into a war on cuba i'll devote the first half of this part to the shipwreck in cuba in the second half on how that helped

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in the second half on how that helped set the stage for kennedy's assassination over a year later my volume three into the storm was the beginning of a journey through events that really happened in nineteen sixty two refer to them as a shipwreck it might have been the end of the world our journey is blocked by false signposts to roads that lead all journeymen to dead ends some of those roadblocks were created in 1961 and 1962 and some were created in the years that followed some many years later in the 70s in volume 4 armageddon i hope to expose those false paths so that our journey into 1962 and 1963 is unshackled from the treatise of deception in 2017 former house select committee investigator dan hardway asked me to closely examine one of those false paths the claims of antonio veziana i won't be discussing antonio vestiana in my presentation this evening my latest presentation on him in november of 2020 is available at my website jfkjmn.com the vestiana story is still unfolding many foias and lawsuits that i've initiated are pending operation mongoose an unfortunate new attempt of the kennedy brothers to overthrow castro as it began the end of 1961 and early 62 jfk was still purging the central intelligence agency in the pentagon of people that wouldn't follow his directions as i mentioned before on 27 november 1961 alan dulce's last day as the director of central intelligence president kennedy gave a brief speech at

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brief speech at the swearing of mcombs the new director of central intelligence and said we want to welcome you here and just say that you are now living on the bullseye and i welcome you to that spot that comment wasn't lost on anybody on 31 january 1962 kennedy fired the deputy director of central intelligence charles cabell in february the deputy director of plans the covert side of the cia dick bisseil was removed and replaced by richard helms having steered clear of the vietnam trap nuclear tense crises in laos and berlin december 1961 the kennedy brothers sailed unwisely again into the hazardous waters of cuba to overthrow fidel castro jfk's operation mongoose plan sought to achieve this quote short of outright war the one thing that was off limits was military invasion unquote and so that produced a power struggle between president kennedy and chairman of the joint chiefs of staff lemitzer and his allies in february 1962 a seditious plot was put into play in the pentagon general lamazer began covertly preparing officers in the joint joint staffs j-1 manpower and personnel the j-2 intelligence j-3 operations and j-4 logistics to invade cuba against kennedy's explicit orders in december 1961 the kennedy brothers appointed assistant secretary of defense lansdale as the mongoose operations chief but lansdale would become a secret for a while stalking horse for lemitzer in late january 1962 lansdale began secretly working with limiter on a false flag pretext

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limiter on a false flag pretext operation by front loading into mongoose's several tasks those that were

ostensibly tasked for jfk operating sponsor goose um front loading the uh limiter program for operation northwoods in february john kennedy and robert kennedy discovered this and kneecapped lansdale to force limits her into the open and so in mid-march general limiter unveiled his operation northwoods plan for the u.s to attack itself and blame castro to create a pretext for an american invasion during a 16 march face-to-face confrontation at which landsdale was present jfk bluntly shot down leominster's plan his northwoods plan on 3 april 1962 president kennedy appointed army general marshall carter as the new deputy director of central intelligence having served as the commanding general of the army air defense center in chicago in 1961 and 1962 general carter was an expert on missiles and air defense he was also a long time friend and protege of general lemitzer both limiter and carter had close ties to the national security agency and its super secret spying capabilities operation mongoose and the two worst decisions of jfk's presidency john kennedy's worst decision of his presidency was mongoose an attempt to get even with castro that would end the disaster lemmitzer facing the end of his term as the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff in mid-62 and facing forced army retirement in august 1963 reacted to jfk's rebuke of northwoods with disrespect and on 10 april recommended invading cuba anyway without any pretext

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cuba anyway without any pretext in may president kennedy made the second worst decision of his presidency by offering to extend limiter's time on active duty as a supreme allied commander of europe and appointing general taylor as the new chairman of the joint chiefs of staff jfk did not understand the danger of appointing lambitzer as a supreme allied commander in europe nor did he just suspect that his military a tailor upon becoming the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff would eventually betray his vietnam policy during the months before his assassination in part two of my presentation this evening we saw the dulles laminator collaboration leading up to the bay of pigs in early 1961 to force president kennedy into a war in cuba and i just went over a few moments ago lemister's failed attempt to manipulate jfk into a war in cuba in 1962. i now want to take you back 17 years to a point just before the end of world war ii when once again we find alan dulles and limits are colluding this time behind president roosevelt's back in the spring of 1945 roosevelt declared that after world war ii german war power had to be ended completely but the british plan to shift germany into action against russia roosevelt's stance shocked churchill at the urging of british his british mentor harold alexander laminster was sent to join dulles not dci then but um he's in switzerland to undermine fdr's plans with general carl wolfe head of the nazi ss forces in italy dulles and leonids are secretly hammering out operation sunrise

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hammering out operation sunrise a separate peace with germany allowing the redeployment of german assets against russia while keeping roosevelt in the dark at this time allen dulles was working in the oss the forerunner of the cia in switzerland he would become the director of central intelligence in nineteen fifty one now this dulles limiter collaboration back in 1945 set the stage for one of the darkest unethical and ill-fated evolution of covert operations under nato's direction operation gladio i want to discuss that now and i'll be doing that about the next nine slides shortly after world war ii the united states and great britain set up secret so-called gladio armies gladio is a sword used in uh by greek soldiers secret gladio armies in western europe after world war ii to counter a probable soviet military invasion so the gladio stay behind armies were to be activated after a soviet military occupation of all of western europe but during the cold war gladio became nato's clandestine operational arm and employed a strategy of tension assassinations social violence and prefabricated false flag chaos to disrupt the political aspirations of

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disrupt the political aspirations of socialists and communist parties in the countries of europe staffed by right-wing terror groups former nazis and mussolini fascists these terrorist paramilitary units were very active when president kennedy unknowingly gave limits or control over them by appointing him as the supreme allied commander of europe in 1962. laminster was well informed about the secret gladio armies while in

western europe the sackure always a us officer supervised the secret armies through nato's clandestine planning committee the cpc and nato's allied clandestine committee the acc in interesting ways general lemitzer had been connected to the creation of these secret military units in 1948 he was the secretary of uh he was a sector forestal secretary of defense forestalls emissary to the five powers military committee that eventually produced nato in 1949 to 1950 limiter was in charge of providing weapons to europe many of them were hidden in gladios underground stay behind caches the secret gladio units spread across scandinavia europe and into turkey under the secret anti-communist nato protocols these stay behind units were created by the central intelligence agency and britain's secret intelligence service mi6 with help from other security services in western europe they were equipped with machine guns explosives munitions and high-tech communication equipment hidden in forests meadows and underground bunkers all across western europe gladio and its history are still an official secret

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official secret the us and uk have never openly admitted that they funded these secret armies that used sabotage and assassination to impede european domestic politics but in the 1990s washington's in london's darkest secret was finally exposed after his retirement the cia station chief from 1949 to the mid-1950s in frankfurt germany thomas polgar spoke openly about the scandal polgar said the secret gladio units were coordinated by a quote unconventional warfare planning group linked to nato which was a reference to the ally clandestine committees i mentioned earlier the cpc and the acc in italy in 1956 lucio gelli became the director of permandex a cia front organization under frank wisner who managed gladio units that supplied arms to nage's rebel forces in hungary in 1959 in italy the gladios stayed behind units there evolved into covert masonic lodges that popped up on nato bases and became mafia magnets that contacted american masons who funded the fight against the red menace in europe after having been fired by bobby kennedy in the summer of 1962 in 1963 cia rome station chief william harvey endorsed a strategy of intention tension political psychological and paramilitary to diminish the power of the italian communist party by intimidation and false flag operations staving off communist leanings in italy and turkey was crucial to u.s cold war nuclear strategy where they had those were two countries

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where they had those were two countries where the united states had supplied lots of jupiter missiles aimed at the ussr in 1960 in turkey gladio units had staged a coup d'etat against prime minister mendez who had asked for economic aid from the soviet union and they executed him on 18 september 1962 chairman of the joint chiefs of staff levinson met with italian defense minister giulio andriati a rising star of italy's christian democratic party just a few months after american jupiter missiles had been deployed in italy and turkey here he's pictured andrea is pictured with uh mcnamara secretary of defense mcnamara on that same trip where andreatti called on landminer undoubtedly to discuss what was coming up in a moment of when lemitzer would show up as the sacure so the irony is that lemitzer in his new job as a supreme allied commander of europe he would inherit the very covert uh operations covert uh armies that he had helped create after world war ii operation gladio this was a an inadvertent unintentional gift from president kennedy the assassins and terrorists under nato were still active in italy during june 1963 when president kennedy went there to spread his mission of world peace this interesting map here shows exactly when the jupiter missiles uh and where the jupiter missiles were deployed uh in in italy in april 1959 eisenhower approved the deployment of two united states air force jupiter intermediate-range ballistic missile

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intermediate-range ballistic missile squadrons in italy and one squadron in turkey between february and july of 1961 30 missiles were deployed at 10 sites in italy and 15 missiles deployed in turkey united states air force personnel retained control of arming the warheads but these missiles were largely obsolete by the time they were installed the polaris missiles were coming our submarines were coming online the jupiters were removed in april 1963 as a backdoor trade for the early removal of soviet medium-range ballistic missiles

from cuba to end the 1962 cuban missile crisis the rebirth of propaganda masonica as lodge p2 propaganda in the 1950s the central intelligence agency under alan dulles himself a 33rd degree mason helped turn p2 into the most dominant masonic lodge in italy in june 1963 pope paul the sixth knighted lucio gelli in the order of sylvestre cemented the vatican p2 bond and the vatican's reliance on the central intelligence agency ngeli in 1963 deputy director of central intelligence vernon walters and other cia officials arranged for gilly to join the rom agnasi lodge and gain 33rd degree membership virtually overnight in early 1964 kelly was appointed secretary of p2 under cia contractor giordano gamborini and giulio andriodi defense minister and leader of the christian democratic party in italy by 1970 yelling became p2's new worshipful master by 1980 kelly's p2 u.s branches

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by 1980 kelly's p2 u.s branches had notable members like former nixon chief of staff general alexander haig and former nixon secretary of state henry kissinger general lemitzer was a serious freemason in 1922 he joined the freemasons in rhode island and 33 years later in november 1955 he was initiated into the scottish rite as a 32nd degree mason and entered the mystic shrine in april 1960 he was presented with a 33rd degree jewel of the scottish rite in december 1962 he became the honorary president of the national soldiers in paris that chapter that's when he was sacked europe in march 1967 he was designated an honorary 33rd degree member of the scottish rite of france for photographs he would always show the back of his left hand with his west point class ring that also carried the masonic emblem as you can see here in my book in my view in my opinion lying to americans to get them to approve invading cuba was dishonorable after president kennedy's rebuke of leominster's northwood false flag plan for invading cuba he arrived in paris in 1962 and became the honorary president of the national sojourner's paris chapter now scottish right mystic shriners are well known for helping children in hospitals but national sojourners were masons who were serving or had served honorably in the united in the u s armed forces lambitra's message to the 1963 sojourners convention in paris praised them for working quote to protect those

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them for working quote to protect those inalienable rights of independence individual freedom and the american way of life handed down to us by the founding fathers unquote us army general mcchristian when asked what it means to lie about the enemy the time of war answered it threatens not only the lives of soldiers on the battlefield but also the future liberty of your people at home it's dishonorable now i mentioned general christian at the end of part two and so here again i invoke his message as this was the time in june 1963 the president kennedy found the courage of his convictions to stand up for racial justice in america and peace into taunt with the soviet union and the left in europe president kennedy's mission for world peace and racial justice all these things here happened in june 1963. on the 10th gave his famous speech at american university to defuse the cold war on 11 june the next day kennedy's televised address was given to uh with respect to racial justice in america on the 30th of june president kennedy went to italy to promote an opening to the left what jfk did not know during his realm visit was that cia chief of station harvey and levitzer at nato were moving italy far to the right and what jfk also did not know at that time was that he had just 144 days

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time was that he had just 144 days to live well the time has come for me to wrap up the formal part of my presentation this evening and i'm going to do that on the subject of vietnam from a 62 where we left off in um part four through november 1963 in the death of jfk i call it the war and the struggle for power i'll begin with john kenneth galbraith's frank advice to jfk on vietnam he was the ambassador to india at the time a month before the may 1962 order of battle deception in saigon discussed in section four a power struggle erupted over a reversal of u.s policy quote unquote in vietnam so ambassador john galbraith told president kennedy that the ussr was pleased that we would spend our billions of dollars in these distant jungles where it does not where it does us no good and them no harm who decides what countries are strategic i'd like to ask him

what is so important about vietnam and space age immediately interested kennedy told his advisors to be prepared to seize upon any favorable moment to reduce our commitment to vietnam obviously already in the middle of a battle with jfk over cuba when he heard about the galbraith proposal limiter declared any reversal of u.s vietnam policy would be disastrous for vietnam and for u.s

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be disastrous for vietnam and for u.s allies in asia and elsewhere so the intensity of the joint chief's opposition to galbraith's proposal and april hermann the assistant secretary of state uh for asian pacific affairs and his disapproval at a one may national security council meeting sank any chance of a political settlement in vietnam at the time in the heat of that struggle with limits over cuba jfk decided to say nothing more about his intention to pull the us advisors out of vietnam well all eyes were on the soviet arms pouring into cuba both jfk and general taylor were hiding their intentions about vietnam from each other the vietnam battle in washington fueled the may 1962 order of battle deception and false picture of success fetter mcnamara and saigon galbraith's proposal led to a storm that foreshadowed events to come in 1962 president kennedy sent limits to europe as the supreme allied commander of europe and nominated general taylor for the cjcs slots uh both mistakes like lansdale general taylor who was an ally of levitzer anxious to secure the chairman of the joint chiefs job general taylor said little on vietnam and hid what he knew about the order of battle deception from jfk behind mcnamara's back taylor would cut jfk's order to begin withdrawing from vietnam during the weeks before his murder the high price of the june 1960 laos settlement prince savannah fuma declared laos neutral and objected to the presence of u.s forces while all u.s forces were withdrawn nearly 10 000 north vietnamese troops remained and the us did not make it it cost his

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and the us did not make it it cost his belly after the last settlement was ratified by the geneva conference the upsurge of soviet soldiers and arms arriving in cuba began in july a week before the 13-day cuban missile crisis began president kennedy ordered the withdrawal of all u.s military forces from laos leaving the communists free to infiltrate at the south vietnam what was happening in vietnam was as neil sheehan wrote in his book a bright shining lie lieutenant colonel john paul vann was the u.s adviser to colonel cal the seventh division commander in the best division in the army of the republic of vietnam marvin vann told the senior american adviser in three corps that he doubted cal's battlefield claims van felt that arvind's so-called battle successes were quote walks in the sun unquote cal was afraid to fight the bc after killing a few he would let the rest go in july president jim threatened to deny cow a promotion to core commander when cal lost 20 men in one fight that brought an end to any effective seventh division operations against the viet cong for the rest of 1962 losing only three dead and colonel cal did get his promotion so the myth of battlefield success is shaken but general taylor reassures ambassador bowles ambassador at large bowls told secretary of state dean rusk that the continuing deterioration of vietnam could force a choice between sending in u.s combat troops or a total withdrawal of the us advisers and he was right that's why the deception was going on back in vietnam in august of 1962 saigon

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back in vietnam in august of 1962 saigon u.s council joseph mendenhall said the war could not be won with the m therefore get rid of the m let me repeat that back from vietnam in august 62 saigon u.s council joseph mendenhall said the war could not be won with diem therefore get rid of diem in september general taylor went to vietnam brushed aside john paul van's truthful report and then returned to jfk with a false report of much progress at the battle of app back all hell phrases on 2 january 10 us helicopters helped discharge three battalions that would be 18 companies worth of the arvind 7th division to surround two via vietcong companies in the absence of unity of command and coordination of a fire maneuver the operation was doomed carbon losses were 80 dead and more than 100 wounded us losses were three dead eight wounded in the loss of high five helicopters so the battle of that back is looked at as a turning point and at that time the cia began to challenge uh the vietcong strength figures that macvee was putting out they didn't like what

harkins uh was saying about winning if as mcv claimed viet cong strength had increased from 17 600 to 24 000 while suffering 3 000 casualties a reasonable person would be justified in asking just who we fighting out there the ci report said that these statistics suggested that quote casualty figures are exaggerated or the vietcong have a remarkable capability

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vietcong have a remarkable capability or both in other words the viet cong would have to have recruited 37 000 men in less than 12 months the big lie was falling apart in the spring of 1963 the web of deception in vietnam was still deepening by the end of 62 president kennedy suspected that harkin's reports of battlefield success were fiction so he sent senator mike mansfield to investigate in vietnam mansfield returned with a pessimistic report my book jfk in vietnam actually my dissertation jfk in vietnam broke the story that by early 1963 kennedy and mcnamara were working on a secret withdrawal plan secretary rusk and general taylor were excluded knowing his vietnam policy was a failure jfk was planning to begin pulling out u.s advisers in 1964 and all and everybody out after his re-election but publicly jfk opposed a u.s withdrawal he said sitting there with uh with the mansfield he said i got angry with mike for disagreeing with our policy so completely and i got angry with myself because i found myself agreeing with him and then came the buddhist crisis things got worse a whole lot worse in april 1965 took the archbishop of way and jim's brother encouraged the flying of papal flags while khan the way government chief and also a brother of diem banned the display of the religious flags just before the buddha's birthday when the buddhists flew their flags anyway on 8 may the catholic deputy province chief ordered his troops to fire on the crowd in june the dm government's lie that a viet cong agent's grenade triggered triggered a stampede was exposed by

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triggered a stampede was exposed by films of troops firing into the crowds and that caused thousands of buddhists to swarm into the streets in demonstrations when the smoke cleared on nine may 15 buddhists were injured and seven killed including two children crushed by armored vehicles the buddhist crisis deepened continuing in june through july and august of 1963. the us pressured the em to mollify the buddhists and on 14 june jfk replaced ambassador nolting with henry cabot lodge in saigon on 10 july a special national intelligence estimate cia estimate on south vietnam concluded that if the dm regime failed to appease the buddhists more demonstrations would result along with the strong built possibility of a coup attempt in vietnam on 21 august after seven more monks and one nun put the match themselves diem placed south vietnam under martial law and his brother knew ordered raids on pagodas resulting in arrest of 1400 buddhists it was on 11 june that dick kwon goku shocked the world and electrified south vietnam by becoming the first monk to burn himself to death the buddhist crisis caused the political bottom to fall out of south vietnam whose generals began plotting a coup against yemen his brother knew in august uf's officials were as divided in washington as they were in saigon over a coup president kennedy was away at hyannisport when roger hill uh hillsman assistant secretary of state for farce and affairs and the pro-coup group falsely convinced their foes that jfk had approved a coup and a go-ahead cable was sent to saigon on 24 august crucially chairman of the joint chiefs taylor managed to hide during

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chiefs taylor managed to hide during this charade for the next week chaos reigned in the white house meetings then the generals in saigon called off the coup jfk went back to hyannisport in an angry lbj told a high-level white house meeting stop playing cops and robbers the 8 through 10 september 1963 krulok mendenhall trip to vietnam during a three september due to a three september robert kennedy request for views on the war effort by u.s advisers in south vietnamese units mcnamara and taylor sent the pentagon saxa the special assistant for counter insurgency and special activities general krulak and balanced by the state department's joseph mendenhall to vietnam to find out what's happening so they briefed jfk on 10 september when they got back krulak had spoken to 80 u.s advisers and told jfk that despite dm's defects the war would be won if the current u.s military and civil programs were pursued mendenhall talked to south

vietnam and u.s civilian officials and said he found a virtual breakdown of the government in saigon in an atmosphere of fear and that the war could not be won if diem's brother knew remained in vietnam incredulous kennedy asked the two of you did visit the same country didn't you now let me turn to the genesis of op plan 34 a in the americanization of war in vietnam according to the sixth may secretary defense conference agenda item number five south vietnam operations against the north was being reported separately by general krulak

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krulak but the state department history says no such record has been found the reason for that is outrageous general taylor was planning to approve sync platf sink pack commander chief pacific operations plan 34 a while hiding it from mcnamara and jfk taylor sat on the plan for several months before allowing it to be shown the mcnamara at the 20 november honolulu conference two days before the kennedy assassination now let me uh add a few things here that i should um put on the table uh in volume four armageddon i'm vetting the hypothesis that general taylor who at the time was was still just the military aid to kennedy was actually a trojan horse who had penetrated the inner sanctum of the kennedy administration and i'm also tracking the evidence that beginning in early may 63 general taylor and general krulak were secretly working behind secretary mcnamara's back when i'm not planning to be to americanize the war in vietnam and so this is what i have so far let me go to the next slide the sink pack the commander chief pacific op plan 3463 eventually became oplan 34a anyway uh 3463 is hazy history began with the disappearance of krulak's presentation in may and to the in the may 63 sec death meeting when taylor finally put it on the table in front of mcnamara at the 20 november a second f meeting in honolulu it included the unilateral use of american forces against north vietnam taylor's secret plan for american covert operations against north vietnam remained pigeonholed jfk never saw it it was put into play as i say 48 hours before his murder

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i say 48 hours before his murder and it led directly to the gulf of tonkin resolution and full-scale american intervention in the vietnam war president kennedy's needs jfk was desperate to preserve his plan to begin the us extrication from vietnam in 1964 but the political collapse of the dm regime during the summer of 1963 with the buddhist crisis forced jfk to start it right away in order to quote cast it in concrete unquote before the interventionists had time to react jfk then decided to send mcnamara to vietnam and told him to return with a secret proposal to begin the withdrawal so jfk could use it as as he saw fit now president kennedy included general taylor on the trip but without letting him know about the plan taylor thought the one thousand man pull out was only a trick to pressure diem that is the one thousand man pull out in 63. general krulak was used in washington to maintain constant contact with the operation in vietnam mcnamara taylor trip so that kennedy could play the key role in shaping the final recommendations at the last minute at a stopover in honolulu on the way back the 1 000 man withdrawal was slipped into the report on the final leg of the journey assistant under secretary of state william sullivan saw it and went postal and mcnamara agreed to scrub it when sullivan threatened to write a dissenting report and so the 1 000 man withdrawal for the end of 1963 was exiled in the honolulu version of the report after the helicopter landed and mcnamara and taylor joined kennedy in the in the white house briefing room

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briefing room after a photo op with the leather bound report at the coffee table jfk listened to an oral summary of the mcnamara taylor reports recommendations then while the onlookers had to remain in their leather seats the president on cue directed mcnamara and taylor into the oval office for a private discussion when the three men emerged mcnamara ordered the recommendation on the 1 000 man withdrawal to be put back into the report and then president kennedy just steamrolled over his opposition jfk's national security adviser mcgeorge bundy and the assistance for policy support for the cia chester cooper joined state department's assistant under secretary of state william sullivan and assistant secretary william bundy all of them together to plead their opposition to the 1000 man withdrawal in vain all day long but they were just subordinates the

principles secretary of defense mcnamara secretary of state rusk and director of central intelligence macomb stood with jfk in a meeting at the end of the day jfk steam rolled over his opposition and demanded obedience and declared we have a policy to avoid being overly optimistic jfk sent mcnamara out to the white house steps to make the announcement so that the withdrawal would be his recommendation not jfk's thus giving the president some time to wait and see before making it his call the somewhat secret national security action memorandum 263. jfk left himself the option of implementing the 1000 man withdrawal as he saw fit and the way he saw fit was to do so

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fit and the way he saw fit was to do so secretly so in 5 october jfk approved the mcnamara taylor military recommendations but jfk insisted that the pull out of 1 000 men by the end of 1963 had to remain secret for the time being jfk's opposition leaked his secret pull out and appeared in the new york times on 11 october national security aide mcgeorge bundy said we might as well formally write it up the two the two october decision and then sam 263 if it's in the newspapers it also included by the way that and sam uh pictured here the telegram for uh ambassador lodge some paragraph three here uh green lighting a coup in south vietnam one november execution of the gem and new brothers on 9 october the message sent the lodge in the generals in south vietnam was while we do not wish to stimulate a coup we do not wish uh to thwart a change of government jfk's 23 october guidance that the burden of proof that the coup could succeed wrestling with the generals did not discourage them jim and new were executed on one november both shot in the nape of the neck during a meeting the next morning jfk was shown a cable the news the terrible outcome general taylor described jfk's visceral reaction quote he left to his feet and rushed from the room with a look of shock and dismay on his face which i have never i had never seen before he had always insisted that dm must never suffer more than exile turning to the honolulu agenda and the end of the optimistic interlude in mid-october news from the lodge in saigon

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saigon exposed matt v charade of military success when general taylor and the chiefs who had supported the myth of success by mcv smith a success discovered jfk's true intent to pull out of vietnam they secretly reverse course and plan to deny kennedy a pull out based upon a winning scenario taylor kulak and others that i will mention in my volume four armageddon continued to work behind mcnamara's back on the secret opplan 40 34a to americanize the war while gutting kennedy's 1 000 man pull out then the chiefs confronted mcnamara with the truth two days before kennedy's assassination at the sec deaf conference in honolulu in sam 273 so in sam 273 was originally written by mcgeorge bundy before the day before kennedy was assassinated and then it was revised after the assassination on 26 november the key part of the change in ensemb 273 was to allow the americanization of the war paragraph 7 was the key but george what you're looking at here majority bunzie's 21 november draft on the top left only called for increasing vietnamese resources to step up the war effort bundy told me on 20 that on 24 november lbj told him to strike that paragraph completely and thus the two big hash marks through there at that time jfk's body was still laying in state at the capitol rotunda but you can see the difference top right bundy's 26 november final and sam on jfk's i mean on lbj's orders reversed jfk's up and sam 263 and allowed war

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jfk's up and sam 263 and allowed war planners to implement op plan 34a you can see here that if you're a war planner if you have to read if you read the fine print here there's nothing ruling out amer direct american action in vietnam now jfk's assassination opened the gates of hell during the days before his assassination his withdrawal plan withered while op plan 34a sprouted on 20 november four days after the assassination withdrawal plan died while the plan for u.s innovation in vietnam blossomed in january lbj approved general kulak's krulek's proposal for plan 34a de soto patrols by united states navy destroyers in the tonkin gulf to paint north vietnam's electronic intelligence defenses and support infiltration into north vietnam the two august incident involving the uss maddox was the match that lit the tinderbox it led the u.s congress to pass

the tonkin gulf resolution issuing a blank check for lbj to wage war against north vietnam we now turn to the conclusion of my presentation this evening with president kennedy gone both robert kennedy and martin luther king stepped into to stop the coming holocaust in vietnam but they too paid the ultimate price beside the american dead four million vietnamese died in that war most countries in the world along the supply routes to vietnam became targets of coups by both the us and ussr i will leave it to others to figure out how many shooters were involved in the daily plaza murder my current working hypothesis which i could always change

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could always change but right now this is what it is jfk was assassinated in the coup d'etat the center of this conspiracy was in the military with assistance by elements of the central intelligence agency i would now be happy to take more questions okay thank you john for that excellent presentation on the the nature of the relationship that president kennedy had with the national security establishment and of course the devolving nature of that relationship so we're now ready to move into q a keep in mind that if you have a question please address it on the q a button rather than the chat button and right now it's about 905 pm eastern time we need to wrap up by 9 45 to make sure that the entire presentation appears on videotape so let's get right into it first question from douglas my question pertains to part three about jfk and berlin how important was the berlin crisis for kennedy's policy toward cuba and the vietnam war yeah it's a great question um it's integral um kennedy would not put forces in either cuba or southeast asia can you hear me yeah okay um so he was when he was shown that if even 10 000 uh us combat forces were placed into cuba that we've been unable to do anything in berlin he was shocked and this is what was going on so you may you begin to have to ask the question well why were the joint chiefs asking to go to war on with ground forces all over the place in europe in cuba in southeast asia there can only be one answer to that is because they believe they were not going to have to use all those ground forces they were assuming

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forces they were assuming there was going to be a nuclear war that was what that's where i'm going in in volume four now it looks like they were they wanted those missiles to go into cuba they wanted to take out the ussr and china and kennedy was shocked he said they gave him they showed him the plan he said why why are there all these chinese targets in here in this scenario they didn't start the war and leon richard said well it's in the plan so kennedy understood that we didn't have enough for he didn't intend to go to nuclear war and so uh he wanted to make our ground forces stronger but it wasn't enough not near enough so there was no way was he going to allow west berlin to be sacrificed by putting troops in these other theaters but understand this also this was soviet strategy i i spoke to this in my presentation at least one place chilepin the kbg kgb soviet kgb chief told khrushchev that's how we get berlin you tie them down here and you tie them down there and then they can't stop us so from the very beginning you cannot separate kennedy's decisions on vietnam policy and cuban policy without understanding that the first plays in the center of europe and that's what what he was defending okay question from will the dre was operational and effective inside of cuba until they were given up to castro by a g2 agent this resulted in the dre inside of cuba becoming operationally ineffective many arrests resulted and essentially ended the dre's run in cuba the g2 agent who gave up the entire dre inside of cuba was carlos bringier's nephew jorge medina bringier what if anything do you make of this well i've it's been a long time since i look i looked at that so i can't uh i can't really address that i didn't uh talk about that tonight i will tell you that uh very quickly castro's uh castro's forces had uh

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castro's uh castro's forces had uh infiltrated his his police had infiltrated all of those groups not just the dre and so while some of those groups including the dre could continue uh to be used by the cia in miami or elsewhere or other countries they had no capability to use any of those groups inside of cuba okay question from lawrence what does ctd refer to john's book yeah so i i you you had mentioned my my books uh and so

i didn't want to take up unnecessary time but though that's a acronym for a book title countdown to darkness its for into the storm i didn't have enough room on the bottom of all the slides to get all that stuff in there so watch out for those acronyms but i give you book titles i give you chapters and i give you page ranges to if you would like to pursue and look at all these slides again because there's there's stuff on them that i didn't have time to to mention but they're all there for people to pursue in their in their own time okay stewart says why did the cia want to sabotage president kennedy so much well it's difficult question because we we think of the cia and even the pentagon as being monolithic and they're really not uh john mcconne didn't certainly do uh you know want to do that uh but a lot of people did a lot of senior people and i'm working on that real hard right now um it's clear to me that laminster uh he he he he had it in for kennedy from the beginning didn't like him i've collected a lot of his statements some of them were private about kennedy's inexperience and why he wasn't fit to be to be president um and there are many other generals that i'm looking at in volume four some of the way high up in the pentagon

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some of the way high up in the pentagon but the pentagon is not the answer itself it's the military we've got military all over the place not just in the pentagon the head of the national security agency has to be a military man and the deputy has to be civilian and it's the other way around the cia so you have spread throughout all of these organizations military military officers whose real loyalty is not to that organization it's to their service or even smaller to their the people they went to uh you know uh to school with and uh and so you know taylor and lemitzer and carter and those guys uh they were all on the same team they didn't like kennedy and so uh i wouldn't say it's the entire cia and when we talk about the assassination by the way which i am not really going to get to that until volume five because that's late 1963 but uh i i said in the very beginning way back in the v in volume one in my a list of uh of hypotheses and assumptions that i felt that um one thing the cia was certainly involved in at a very high level angleton the counter-intelligence chief in particular fixed oswald's files uh wouldn't allow all the stuff that was he had been doing in new orleans and mexico city to to go into his official cia201 file they were hidden and so when kennedy was assassinated on 11 22 63 and everybody went running down the hallways to open up the triple combination safes there those documents were and they they tried to destroy them they panicked and there was a you know a a it was a long time before we actually got those files because people to protect themselves had been making their own copies in their desk

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making their own copies in their desk drawers so we eventually got multiple copies of all the uh oswald files that had been pigeonholed so the idea of not letting that come out before the assassination if it had uh they would have taken oswald the fbi would have taken oswald off the uh off the parade route but he somebody turned off the the switch on him and so that's where we're going here the cia played a very uh active role before the assassination in and setting things up so that it would panic at the secret level people into thinking that uh we almost started world war three and in order to stop world war three and earl warren believed this he cooperated but um so what hasn't happened yet is that that's we haven't really been able to talk about where is the galactic center of this conspiracy and there is where uh i mentioned the name vestiana to try and get into it but that he was on one of several uh great misdirections that have been going on for years that we need to dispense with which i did in volume three which is why it was a book that opened up things and put us into a new place but uh for some reason the panama the pentagon of the military has been getting a pass all these years in our our researchers you don't see hardly anybody i remember a guy called john judge whose mother worked in the pentagon and he used to talk about it but i'm amazed all the uh transcripts of all the joint chiefs of staff personal meetings not with other other uh organizations but their own daily or weekly meetings from 1945 to 1978 have been destroyed they're gone and if that had happened to

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they're gone and if that had happened to the top of the cia if all the top cia meetings from the time of its creation until 1978 had been destroyed you'd hear people screaming from the rafters why does why do these why do these genitals get a pass and so i think that what's happening in in my work this as we move forward through these volumes is we're beginning to see that there is a um it's in the military but if you if you just say it's the pentagon you're you're putting everybody into that box and you shouldn't do that well what about somebody like linda's he's not even in the pentagon anymore he's over there in europe so i that's why i say the the it appears to me that and it's a hypothesis for right now but it looks like that's the direction i'm moving in anyway i'm finding the center of this galaxy of this conspiracy is located in the military by the way they they kill people better than the cia does but with assistance from elements of the cia okay stewart asks was kennedy perceived to be a threat to world domination plans yeah that's easy yes okay john asks by coincidence i myself also happen to be a cold war veteran and fellow military intel vet as well marine corps question the communist party of north vietnam like that of many other communist countries was divided into two main factions one pro-soviet ho chi minh and the other maoist le duan it has now been revealed that between 23 to 24 november 63 there occurred a coup that removed hoe from power and replaced him with the more militant laid one what are your thoughts on this well it says interesting i don't know about that coup i have no information about it but i know that for a long time uh the north vietnamese communist party was uh actually trying to play moscow off

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uh actually trying to play moscow off against beijing so they could get weapons and support from both of them so yes there were there were factions of course in in that party in the wild party all right charlie asks i understand why jfk was presented with rosy numbers about the operation of vietnam but why was it important for lbj to be provided the real and accurate numbers okay i'm writing a lot about this now in volume four and i spent a lot of time down at the lbj library uh getting a huge amount of material all the burst memos uh to his boss so um the the the short answer is that it was burst's job to prepare lbj to take over the job and that and that preparation is going on early early on and uh what and i had several uh several interviews with burris in the in the uh late 80s uh we had uh at least a half a dozen meetings and he gave me a lot of good stuff that i put in in jfk event about that order of battle deception and how he got the memos and and and he got the information and sent these memos to lbj but what he was telling me was lbj was telling him what to do and from the very beginning uh he told me that lbj had pulled him off an oil rig way back in the 40s and told ordered him to go into war in europe and then when lbj became vice president uh and and burris was running he's in cia at the time running agent nets in switzerland lbj ordered me to come back so lbj says jump and burst jumps but actually what you find when you go through all of the files not people's books but all the files burst tells lbj what to do and lbj says well all right howard if that's the way you

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all right howard if that's the way you want it you know and so and he's he's drunk half the time and so burr's job is to make sure that he's fully informed and he is and it's not just on vietnam when you look at all every day burst has all the the straight skinny and everybody else is reporting directly to kennedy through the national security council is only proposing things to the president that they want him to do they're not just giving him the news you know whatever's happening lbj is getting unfettered true stuff across the board on every issue around the world whether or not he even bothered to remember it or read it is another question but but uh that's what was going on now by the time we get to uh close to the assassination burst is gone he leaves he's done his job and he's out of the country going back over to europe he's hiding over there for a while and he's he's talking to uh uh i forget the name of lbj's top top aide is a car jenkins who's his name and so burst is now coaxing jenkins and telling him how to handle lbj telling him what to do and making sure he doesn't you know say the wrong thing and so uh that's what i think is going on uh with this back channel the importance of of lbj knowing what's actually happening puts him is to put him into a position if he has to take over uh he'll he'll do what he's supposed to do okay howard asks why wasn't liminancer fired or was he

no it technically it's both in other words kenny could have if he had wanted to extended him as the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff but he was due to be rotated out of that job so technically he had to go somewhere okay now um it's really clear that that kennedy wanted to get rid of him did not know

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wanted to get rid of him did not know what was going on in europe with these secret armies and was afraid he was afraid of the joint chiefs who was a particularly afraid of lanmitzer and that's why um president kennedy when he read the book seven days in may suggested to um the authors that they do a movie using the white house and so the seven days it's an interesting film to watch it it it's pretty uh close to what looks like might have happened uh had there been a coup and it would and so i think that that's one of the reasons that kennedy didn't just you know he what he should have done obviously the the questioner is is certainly perceptive he should have just fired him he shouldn't get he should have not even allowed him to finish his his service time into into 63 he should have just in fact he should have fired him all at the beginning way back and he never did that why did he let all those generals stay for a whole year afterwards he was like he was you know picking off one here picking off one there he should have cleaned the place out and put his own folks in and so it bit him in you know he got bit in the end by by not taking the bull by the horns and putting reliable people in place early on in the cia in the pentagon okay jim says if the invasion of cuba was such a central issue why did the u.s not invade cuba once jk jfk was out of the way by that point it was all about vietnam there's another there's another point too um so this whole idea of killing castro becomes very interesting once you get into whatever you think the plot is and i'm not talking about forensics

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is and i'm not talking about forensics and all that type of stuff but the the world war three plot that oswald was working for castro and the kgb requires that castro has to be alive after the assassination if he's dead he can't be the one who's behind the operation so when you look at the annie castro operations of the central intelligence agency almost 90 percent of them that have anything to do with the cuban policy are for assassinating castro but there's a smaller group of them that look like they do but they don't want to give orlando cabela who is a defector uh in the summer of 62. uh they don't want to give him a rifle with a scope he's already killed people and and so i've i'm moving towards the idea that uh there's a group that knew that kennedy was going to die that wanted to make sure castro was alive and didn't want uh an invasion now they could have wait if they wanted to invade cuba and get away with it with with the plot i'm talking about then they they would have done that maybe in 64 or 65 but by that time we are up to viet cong and our eyeballs and westmoreland is getting to the point where he asks lbj can i use tactical nuclear weapons you know to pour chestnuts out of fire here so at i i think it's inconceivable after 65 or 66 that we're going to be invading cuba when what was happening with what was happening in vietnam okay charlotte asked what's a false flag operation it means to pull now the gladio folks were doing this and and that was what leonister was trying to do what it means is to to do something and make it look like somebody else did it

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somebody else did it in particular the uh with the gladio units they wanted to make it look like the communist they would go shoot people murder them and say look at those bad communists they murder and it wasn't at all so in in in uh the northwoods uh case the idea was that limbitzer wanted us to sink one of our ships at guantanamo wanted us to kill some people in miami some americans uh and also in washington dc to uh to uh shoot some people fleeing cuba in boats and then to to convince them to trick the american people into thinking that castro had done all that and therefore they would want us to go to war in cuba that's a false flag operation you know plan in other words it's like a metaphor a is that your dog wanting to go outside no she's here or something okay she's protecting me so well anyway false flag operation is is to uh do it to to uh do something that you don't want people to know who really did it and that way you can make make believe that this this group did it or that group did it but it what it means is it's certainly not true okay uh alan asked could you describe in what ways your new series on the kennedy presidency and his assassination evolve from

one volume to the next sure volume one uh by the way i need to include also um jfk in vietnam because as we as this evolution of the multi-volume series is going along all of a sudden the second edition of jfk and vietnam works into this but i started in volume one just going back to the the 50s some and even into the late 40s

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40s and started watching some of the characters that show up at the end of our story making sure i'm following phillips and and and others and harvey and and and and so on so i i just that the first volume was like going back to square one volume two was to look take a very close look at the transition between the eisenhower administration and the kennedy administration and there were some real shockers there i i did not understand eisenhower i thought i did i thought he was a nice guy he gave us that you know that's that famous speech when he's actually you know cooking up a cold war triple play uh in order to get castro so um that but that it was volume three that changed everything there were really three uh huge deceptions that have been going on for years one was yuri nasenko uh now not everybody knows about this story but he was a soviet kgb false defector who came over to our side in 62 in geneva and then later after the kennedy assassination uh defected uh for real and went to the united states his mission was to conceal uh what the kgb was doing with oswald and the soviet union when he was there number two was this guy vestiana was talking about um he well he's an andy castro cuban exile uh who wanted to kill castro but the that's not the real story the real story is that he got put in jail for cocaine trafficking and uh he was used during the investigations by the church committee and the house select committee in order to to make it look to actually to to conceal the role of the pentagon and the chiefs that's what that was for now i'm not going to go through all the it's as i said it's on my website you can you can look at it at a long um presentation but then the third one

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um presentation but then the third one was a cia staff officer his name was sam halpern he worked for will for wait for bill harvey in the cuban task force but he didn't know that harvey was the one who was actually working with the mafia to get an assassination plot going against castro and halpern thought bobby kennedy or he wanted to think bobby kennedy was the one who was behind that and he spent the rest of his life all the way up to like almost 2000 insisting that bobby kennedy was the one who was behind that got his brother killed and almost started world war iii so when you take these three you got a cuban you got a russian and an american and and they're they're being used uh to for reasons many different reasons to uh give us a scenario that is not true and it's it screws up everything some of the stuff was laid from the sentence was laid in over 62 and 63. so when you move remove all that false all that's false what do you end up with in a brand new place it's like an orchard you're all alone in it with low-hanging fruit everywhere you look you turn this way that way and there it is it's easy to see what really happened when you remove all the false stories and that's what volume three did and it it and i realized uh that as i began to work my way through mongoose and and and uh you know the the approach to the cuban missile crisis boy i needed some time off i didn't know what i was talking about and so i've spent 27 months already seeing where the story is leading me now and i've got the rest of this year so it's going to end up being a three-year project to pick up where i left off in volume 3 and finish the job in volume 4. now the same thing can be said about

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now the same thing can be said about jfk and vietnam because i i'm what's happening in in volume three is all of a sudden taylor's looking like a bad guy he's doing stuff that kennedy told him not to do and and he was he was controlling vietnam policy under kennedy as his military aid well after he came back and and and uh with a a a proposal to send combat troops to vietnam under a flood release task force governor kennedy got really angry and he lost control of vietnam and that's why kennedy fired everybody and mcnamara took over and the sec death conferences began to happen so anyway i'll stop on taylor there's i could go on probably for another 10 15 minutes is is i keep dot after dot after dot and so it's not just taylor all of a sudden

harvey i'm finding the stuff about him going way back to all the work he did with safe crackers and assassins going going way way back and then before he after he was in berlin and just before he comes to the cia he takes this long trip all over europe and hangs out with all these bad bad guys and um he's ends up in guess where in italy in rome as the case officer at a key point in this whole story so anyway that i guess that that's that's enough um for now the finding out exposing and overturning misdirections is where what what we need to do uh before we're ever gonna know who is really behind this thing i'm not talking about who's shooting i'm talking about who was actually uh had figured it out where who what group what nucleus was really at the center of this whole thing i can't hear you sorry muted myself uh john wants to know if operation gladio gladio is going to be covered in your volume

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covered in your volume four yes um well we've got a lot more to do um i only had showed a few slides just to give you a taste of it's an awful story it's a really awful story a lot of people uh were murdered and killed and um i would say a couple of things um two two areas that i'm going to really be pursuing more are going to be the importance of the vatican actually the relationship between the vatican and the cia and narcotics trafficking there's going to be a whole lot more detail on the ci officers who came forward on camera even though the agency will will never admit it it hasn't and won't but senior officers have actually now gone on camera and and said what they what they they they knew was happening and so um there's gonna be at least one chapter chapter three if not a second one somewhere in volume four okay bob says was vietnam purely a means to an end a starting point for escalation to full nuclear war with china and ussr or an end unto itself a protected war that would benefit the military industries and suppliers well there's no doubt that the military suppliers were happy with all the money they were making off that war there was no question about that but uh i think i would superimpose the first part of the question on um laos and all of southeast asia because that's where uh the in it's uh uh straight to the brink over laos is a chapter uh in jfk and vietnam very early in the book and yeah they they want some of those chiefs wanted war they wanted war they wanted nuclear especially lemay he said look we ought to they're not going to attack us if we go into laos but if they do we'll just nuke them and he said by the way why don't we get our good friend chiang kai-shek over there in taiwan to attack

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in taiwan to attack thai hainan island and it will take out china too yeah that's actually in in in the record that was lemay's response so yeah uh he saw uh and and his uh successor um uh at the strategic air command they wanted uh nuclear war uh they wanted it back in in the uh late 50s and they wanted it in the early 60s and um that's what we almost have what almost happened but i wouldn't say that vietnam was the the starting point for that it was laos the only nuclear aspect of the vietnam war was at the very end we were we were in such bad shape that that uh general west morning our commander mcveigh over there actually asked um president johnson to authorize uh the use of tactical nuclear weapons in vietnam and who is lemay oh general lemay was had for the longest time been the chief of uh he would excuse me the the uh chief of uh the sac strategic uh air command and then later on after that he became the air force chief of staff okay mike says how do you think that the joint chiefs at this time interpreted nsd 68. do you think their intention was just to defend against communism but to banish it around the globe and that jfk's move to coexist was at odds with their plans i think i wouldn't include all the generals in this there there are some that that weren't quite that rabid but most of them were yes to banish communism all over the world and it wasn't just generals by the way at that time when you when you get back into the 50s you'll find a whole bunch of folks over there in the state department that are just as rabid anti-communists as a lot of the military officers were scary

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officers were scary okay um scrolling through trying to pick out the ones that i want to ask great presentation had you been a military advisor or trusted influence to president kennedy i think he's already sort of answered this what would you have done differently than his advisors what if anything could have been done while maintaining his policies to avoid him being overthrown besides the obvious who should have been fired or replaced who should he have trusted that might have changed the outcome of his presidency how can kennedy have survived at that time and place or is that a complete impossibility in your opinion well there's a lot of questions there um i i've already said that uh he i think he did uh put a whole new team in place for economics and and foreign policy and all that stuff he didn't touch uh the military he didn't touch the cia he should have done that early on especially after the bay of pigs let's say okay maybe he he didn't do it i i personally would have told him to get rid of him right away but but you know after the bay of pigs that would have been it for me and i would have been on that bandwagon uh right away but um then if we move downstream it was the worst thing in the world to go after the castro brothers again you know there was nothing nothing had changed you know it was only worse much much worse more soviet weapons were in there there were no uh no viable groups on the island to do anything with and so it was just a revenge thing and it's unlike uh kennedy's intellect but and bobby was really rabid about it too but um yeah i would have i would have said no just like a galbraith galbraith was right he was ambassador in india by the way very smart guy one of the smartest economists that did help kennedy set up all the all the economic stuff before he sent him over to india to be the ambassador but um yeah he got it right i mean we're spending squandering all of our power

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spending squandering all of our power down there doesn't doing us any good and doing the other side a lot of good because we're tied down getting nowhere okay uh scott says when bill harvey was sent to rome was that with the stay behind operation gladios specifically in mind for him to play a part no they were just there he was sent but i believe that uh and we had we had other people that that had been there too bill colby who became the head of the c.i.a he he was there for a long time but bill harvey um liked what he saw he endorsed the strategy of tension that that was going on very actively in 63 but he was sent over there to get him away from the cia because you know uh they were like he was lucky he didn't get just fired completely so they after bobby fired him from the task force in um uh in the summer of 62. actually it's in october of 62. uh they like kind of hiding he hides in the he they hide him in the basement for a while he doesn't go to rome until the uh i guess it's the spring of 1963. so he's down there you know uh just they're giving him some make work and then and it's helms by the way who who's protecting him and helms is another guy on my radar screen when i say i'm gonna i'm gonna have much more to say about somebody that's my way of saying it's gonna be bad and and helms is one of those guys helms and bursts were very close for example but um so helms protected harvey and gave him a chief of staff position no she's been the chief of station position in rome and uh it doesn't get any bigger than that because that's where the vatican is that's where a lot of the uh uh gladio stuff is going on and um and it's it's getting hotter and hotter

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and it's it's getting hotter and hotter by the way in italy more assassinations of political leaders going all the way up into the sixties and so uh i think that uh nato uh in the form of limiter is is uh not against that if he was against it he wouldn't let it happen uh and and especially harvey over there is it's it's it's a it's a witch's brew and um yeah so i i'm not done looking at harvey a lot of there's a lot of other things about what he was doing in the summer of 62. i don't want i don't take up too much time there's probably some more questions here we could well let's just wrap it up with one last question and that's by me um we just have a few minutes left what was the extent of president kennedy's knowledge of gladio zero okay that's a nice succinct way to wrap up our presentation this evening john thank you very much it's been absolutely excellent just what we had in mind as we developed this this conference in the thematic way uh i want to remind you all that we've got jefferson morley is going to be giving the next two presentations we are adding two additional speakers on the medical evidence part of this conference so it's going to be extending into may be sure to mark your

calendar and we look forward to seeing you all next week and john thank you so much again it was great thanks for inviting me enjoy on that note we'll sign off thank you all for tuning in thanks for your great support of the future of freedom foundation

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